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To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that there is a movement to restrict the shipment of pharmaceuticals compounded for personal use across state lines. I have been using individually compounded natural hormones for almost twenty years and this medication is unavailable to me from commercial pharmaceutical manufacturers or any local pharmacy. When I was first prescribed this medication, it was only available from ANOTHER COUNTRY. It is now available to me through only a very few compounding pharmacies in the United States. This medication is prescribed by my physician and is compounded to his specifications. This is necessary for me because there is not a "brand name" drug that I am able to tolerate that alleviates my symptoms without debilitating side effects. There simply are not enough pharmacies that do this work and it is essential that individuals like myself continue to be able to have our prescriptions shipped from the only sources we have. This restriction would force us to go back to IMPORTING this medication from another country. It is essential that we are able to maintain the security of having our medications compounded here in the United States, by pharmacies operating under guidelines established by the FDA.

I implore you to stop this movement and keep services from a limited number of specialty pharmacies available to everyone. It is ludicrous to restrict shipment across state lines of a simple natural hormone preparation that is necessary and prescribed by my physician for my health and well being.

Sincerely,

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